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REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9-26 are at issue. No claims have been allowed. Claims 8 and 27-35 have been canceled.

Claims 1, 2, and 4-35 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Taillens et al., U.S. Patent 4,540,977. Taillens et al. does not disclose a modular intrusion detection system but an intrusion detection system comprising a box which contains a detector. The open rear of the box is hingedly attached to a support plate affixed to a wall. A backup source of power may be included in the box as well as cooperating lock components on the box and support plate.

As distinguished from Taillens et al., Applicants have provided a modular intrusion detection system comprising a base unit which includes a primary housing and a primary intrusion detection system component which is disposed within the primary housing, and a plurality of intrusion detection modules wherein the modules each include a secondary intrusion detection system component and a secondary housing. The secondary housings are securable to the primary housing whereby the base unit and a selected one of the plurality of modules may be selectively assembled into an operative detection system having selected capabilities.

The Examiner is respectfully directed to Figure 16 wherein the base unit 56 is shown and various modules 172 (lighting module), 182 (loud speaker module), 192 (camera module), and 202 (speaker and LED). The modules are selectively assembled to the base unit 56, as selected by the assembler, whereby a modular detection system having selected capabilities may be assembled. None of this modular concept is shown by Taillens et al. Taillens et al. merely shows a box and a detector located in the box. No modular intrusion detection system as claimed by Applicants is shown by Taillens et al. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that all claims distinguish patentably over Taillens et al. and are patentable in view thereof.

Applicants also note that claims 9-13 call for the secondary intrusion detection system components to comprise one of an image capturing device, a microphone, a camera, a speaker, a light source, a microwave transceiver, and a passive infrared sensor. None of this structure is shown by Taillens et al.

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Claim 3 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Taillens et al. in view of Trusty, U.S. Patent 4,266,216. The Examiner has cited Trusty for the showing of a threaded opening for receiving a threaded fastener. Applicants note that threaded openings and threaded fasteners are very old indeed and are widely used. However, Applicants note that Trusty does not use a threaded opening for receiving a threaded fastener in connection with a modular intrusion detection system. As in Taillens et al., Trusty merely shows a box containing an intrusion detection system. No modular system is shown wherein the assembler can selectively choose from a variety of modules and then assemble those modules into an intrusion detection system with particular capabilities.

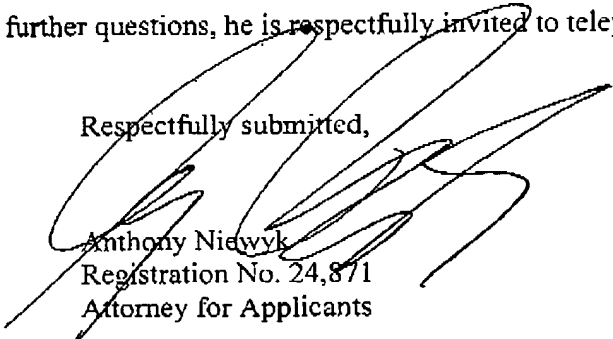
Applicants therefore respectfully submit that Trusty does not address the deficiencies of Taillens et al. pointed out hereinabove.

For the reasons stated hereinabove, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance thereof.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby petition therefore and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 02-0385, Baker & Daniels LLP.

Should the Examiner have any further questions, he is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at 260-460-1695.

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